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Deputy commander of air squadron
Captain N I IVANOV
[illegible] August 1952

To the unit commander
Unit Field Post _ 06854

On 1 August, 1952, my team flew out under orders from the command post in the group of Lt Colonel CHIZH to intercept the enemy I led the second flight As I approached zone 43, I moved to the left and behind the lead flight Our team was attacked from the right by two "Sabre" jets at a 3/4 angle of attack, then immediately by a group of four "Sabres" that was

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moving on an intersecting and approaching course 1,000 to 1,500 meters above me I engaged for battle and began to turn hard to the left, following the attackers "Sabres" appeared to the rear and to the left At one point in the battle, my wing support, First Lieutenant TSVETKOV, as he turned to the right, flew over the aircraft of First Lieutenant PLITIN, who was flying to the rear When PLITIN gave him the sign, TSVETKOV engaged his "Sabre" TSVETKOV passed by below

At one point in the battle, as I was moving away from the attack by turning to the left, my aircraft went into a tailspin I was not able to bring it out of the tailspin right away because the "Sabres" were firing on me from above I accelerated in the spin, and when I began to come out of it I immediately saw a "Sabre" to my right and to the front I opened fire, and at that moment a second "Sabre" went past overhead with its deflectors up, seeing that I was firing, it moved upward with a roll to the left At a range of not more than 200 meters, at an angle of 1/4, I shifted my fire to the second "Sabre " I had not seen where the first "Sabre" went, but after two bursts I saw that the second plane was smoking and I saw its overturned left surface I fired another burst The "Sabre" caught fire and, trailing smoke, it drifted smoothly to the left and downward First Lieutenant PLITIN, who was above me, saw the "Sabre" falling

Looking around, I saw no aircraft, not knowing the region, I asked for directions and immediately saw a "boot" through a break in the clouds I was almost above it Then I received the signal to bank and I flew to the airbase with Lt PLITIN following

Captain IVANOV
[signature]

TFR 461-3

Senior aviator
First Lieutenant Yu P PLITIN
August 1, 1952 TO THE UNIT COMMANDER, UNIT FIELD POST 06854

REPORT

At 8 10 on the morning of August 1, 1952 I flew out under orders from the command post in a group composed of eight crews, under the command of Colonel CHIZH, in the flight of Captain IVANOV, to intercept enemy fighters in the SIODZIO region at an altitude of 9,000 meters

As we approached that area, our team was attacked by a pair of F-86 fighters with cover from above Captain IVANOV'S support aircraft, piloted by First Lieutenant TSVETKOV, very likely mistook me for an F-86 and attacked me head-on at an angle of 3/4, but he did not fire and passed below me and dropped out of my view I followed Captain IVANOV, who, by decreasing his altitude and going into a steep turn, began to move away from the attack, below and to the left At the same time, my support, First Lieutenant SYCHEV, fell behind me A pair of F-86s approached from behind and opened fire I evaded

that attack by increasing altitude and turning to the left and began to search for the leader Below, over the Yalu River, I saw a burning aircraft under attack from behind I descended to an altitude of 5,000 meters and determined that it was a MiG-15 attacking an F-86 It was Captain IVANOV The burning F-86 fell in the region of the air battle

After the attack and receiving his order from the base, Captain IVANOV returned home and I followed

First Lieutenant [signature] (PLITIN)

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GUN CAMERA ANALYSIS CARD

Unit -- Unit Field Post 06854
Name of pilot -- N I IVANOV Rank -- Captain
Duty position -- Deputy squadron commander and navigator
Date -- August 1, 1952 Time -- 8 20 to 8 35

No of salvo	Photo number	Target	Angle of Attack	Range	Aiming A B	N-37 shells used	NR-23 shells used	Notes
3	7	F-86	0/4 1/4	350 m	70 -5	20	152	
	8	F-86	0/4 1/4	330 m	60 -5			
	9	F-86	0/4 1/4	320 m	45 -5			F-86 downed
4	8	F-86	1/4	270 m	70 -20			
	9	F-86	1/4	270 m	85 -12			
	11	F-86	1/4	260 m	85 0			
	13	F-86	1/4	220 m	50 -10			F-86 downed
	16	F-86	1/4	220 m				Left side afire
	20	F-86	1/4	200 m	50			
	25	F-86	1/4	180 m				F-86 afire

A--thousands

B--directional error
Result According to the data of the interpretation list, two F-86 aircraft were downed
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Senior aviator
First Lieutenant P G KOLOTOV
Airfield No 1 of Aviation Regiment
August 1, 1952

TO THE COMMANDER OF THE
AVIATION SQUADRON

REPORT

This is to report that at 8 10 in the morning of August 1, 1952 a group of eight MiG-15 aircraft took off under your command Upon arrival at the battle area over the village of SIODZIO, at an altitude of 8,000 meters, we received the order from the command post "Guitar, operate in teams " When the enemy force was found near the village of SIODZIO, it was composed of eight F-86 aircraft Captain IVANOV'S team attacked four F-86s, which were operating in pairs At 8 20 the leading pair was attacked, after second salvos were fired the pair exploded The attack was broken off by increasing altitude and turning to the right At that point a single F-86 was encountered, and the attack was renewed After a second salvo the F-86 split in half, which I witnessed personally This attack was broken off by increasing altitude and turning to the left No further enemy contact was made Ammunition used twelve shells in the N-37 guns, 38 in the NR-23 guns

First lieutenant [signature] (KOLOTOV)

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INTERPRETATION LIST

Unit -- Unit Field Post 06854
Pilot name -- P G KOLOTOV Rank--First Lieutenant
Duty position -- pilot
Date -- August 1, 1952 Time -- 8 20 to 8 35

Number of salvo	Photo number	Target	Angle of attack	Range	Aiming A B C	N-37 shells used	NR-23 shells used	Notes
1	5	F-86	0/4 1/4	220 m	40 +3	12	38	
1	6	F-86	0/4 1/4	200 m	40			
1	7	F-86	0/4	180 m	20			F-86 downed

A--thousands
B--error, thousands
C--directional error

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TO THE UNIT COMMANDER
Unit Field Post No 51140

On August 1, 1952, between 8 18 and 8 34 the Second Squadron, including eight MiG-15 aircraft under the command of Guard Lieutenant Colonel CHIZH, and the Third Squadron, under the command of Major RESHETNIKOV, conducted an air battle with a group of enemy F-86 fighters at altitudes of 4,000 to 9,000 meters over the SIODZIO district

As a result of the battle Captain N I IVANOV downed two enemy F-86 fighters one, whose number was 1-2767, fell in the SUKUSYU district Another, which was on fire, flew away at a lower altitude

First Lieutenant P G KOLOTOV downed one aircraft, which exploded in the air

The data confirming the downing of the enemy aircraft in the air battle of August 1 1952

1) Pictures taken by machine-gun camera
2) Confirmation by the participants in the battle
3) Confirmation by local authorities and ground forces who saw one flaming aircraft as it fell and a second explode in the air, as well as fragments of aircraft no 1-2767 and the body of the pilot who was killed

Please distribute as an order the enumeration of aircraft downed, attributing to

1 Captain N I IVANOV, two F-86 aircraft downed
2 First Lieutenant P G KOLOTOV, one F-86 aircraft downed

UNIT COMMANDER, UNIT FIELD POST 06854
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TO THE UNIT CHIEF OF STAFF AT FIELD
POST OFFICE NO 51140

Enclosed find the document of the commission of inquiry on the downing of enemy F-86 "Sabre" aircraft by pilots in the unit at Unit Field Post 06854, in air combat on August 1, 1952

Enclosure seven pages (of which 4 pages unclassified), 3 pages for the file of the addressee

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UNIT COMMANDER AT UNIT FIELD POST 06854
LT COLONEL [signature] (GORYACHKO)
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DOCUMENT

On the seventeenth day of the month of August, 1952

We, the undersigned commission of inquiry, including Second Lieutenant TYAGUNOV, chairman, and Second Lieutenant KONDRAT'YEV, Second Lieutenant MEDNIKOV, Sergeant Major MYAZIN, and Sergeant KHRAMOV, members, have prepared this document on the investigation of the enemy aircraft downed by Captain IVANOV in air combat on August 1, 1952 between 8 30 and 8 55

In conducting the investigation of the downed enemy plane at the direction of Captain IVANOV, the commission of inquiry went to the location where the aircraft fell in the area of the town of SAKUSYU [sic], where a destroyed aircraft of the F-86 "Sabre" type was found This aircraft fell eight kilometers east of the town of SAKUSYU At the site the commission of inquiry found

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1) A destroyed aircraft, type F-86 "Sabre"
2) The body of the pilot
3) Personal articles of the pilot (identification, map, lifeboat, portable radio, receiver)

A representative of the town government of SAKUSYU, who came to the site with the commission, gave a written confirmation

The commission determined that the F-86 enemy aircraft was in fact downed by Captain IVANOV between 8 30 and 8 36, Beijing time, on August 1, 1952

Commission chairman
Second Lieutenant [signature] (TYAGUNOV)
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DOCUMENT

On the seventeenth day of the month of August, 1952

We, the undersigned commission of inquiry, including Second Lieutenant TYAGUNOV, chairman and Second Lieutenant KONDRAT'YEV, Second Lieutenant MEDNIKOV, Sergeant Major MYAZIN, and Sergeant KHRAMOV, members, have prepared this document on the inquiry into the enemy aircraft downed by First Lieutenant KOLOTOV in air combat occurring August 1 1952 between 8 30 and 8 55 in the SIODZIO district

In conducting the investigation of the downed enemy aircraft in the SIODZIO district, the commission went to the unit headquarters at Unit Field Post 17343 D, where it determined that the F-86 "Sabre" enemy aircraft, downed by First Lieutenant Kolotov, caught fire in the air near the town of SAKUSYU and that the aircraft then exploded in midair at an altitude of

3,000 meters at 8 30 Beijing time, 30 kilometers east of the town of SAKUSYU This was witnessed by servicemen of Field Postal Unit 17343 D by binoculars from headquarters, which is confirmed by the document they prepared and by the entry in the telephone transmission record for August 1, 1952 for Field Postal Unit 17343D According to witnesses and residents of the area, the commission was unable to locate the wreckage of the aircraft at the site because of the powerful midair explosion

It is the commission's opinion that the F-86 "Sabre" enemy aircraft was in fact downed by First Lieutenant KOLOTOV 20 kilometers east of the town of Sakusyu at 8 30 Beijing time on August 1, 1952

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On the 17th day of the month of August, 1952

We, the undersigned commission of inquiry, including Second Lieutenant TYAGUNOV, chairman, and Second Lieutenant KONDRAT'YEV, Second Lieutenant MEDNIKOV, Sergeant Major MYAZIN, and Sergeant KHRAMOV, members, have prepared this document on the investigation of a second enemy aircraft downed by Captain IVANOV in air combat on August 1, 1952 between 8 30 and 8 55 Beijing time in the SIODZIO region

In conducting the investigation of the second enemy aircraft downed by Captain IVANOV, the commission went to the region of the town of SAKUSYU, where it established

from the accounts of witnesses that the F-86 "Sabre" enemy aircraft was burning in midair and then exploded at an altitude of 5,000 meters, thirty kilometers from the town of SAKUSYU, at 8 [numbers illegible] Beijing time Because of the great altitude at which the explosion occurred and the poor geographical accessibility of that region (the lack of roads, the great height of the hills, and the impassible forests), the commission was not able to locate the aircraft wreckage

The deputy chief of intelligence in the town of SAKUSYU is submitting written confirmation that the aircraft did in fact explode in midair at an altitude of 5,000 meters

The commission of inquiry also has examined Captain IVANOV'S photographic film and determined from the information provided by that film that the second enemy aircraft downed by Captain IVANOV was burning in midair at a great height at the time that the first F-86 aircraft that he downed fell without burning, as is proven by the photograph of the body of the pilot, his personal belongings, and several parts of the aircraft The range of fire and angles of approach vary between the first and second aircraft

The commission has determined that the second F-86 "Sabre" aircraft downed by Captain IVANOV in fact did explode in midair 30 kilometers southeast of the town of SAKUSYU at 8 25 Beijing time on August 1, 1952

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The 14th day of the month of September, 1952

We, the undersigned commission of inquiry, including Second Lieutenant Mednikov, chairman, Lieutenant LUKINYKH, Sergeant ZOTOV, and Sergeant ZANIN, have prepared this document on the investigation of F-84 Thunderjet aircraft number 1113, which was downed by Major DEGTYAREV in air combat at 10 58 on September 9, 1952 near the town of DEEGUANDONG In its investigation of the downed enemy aircraft at the direction of Major DEGTYAREV, the commission went to DEEGUANDONG, where it located the site

where the enemy aircraft fell According to the local residents, the aircraft was burning in midair and fell to earth with the pilot The pilot was burned to death Parts of the aircraft typical of an F-84 Thunderjet and the aircraft number, 1113, were found on the ground at the site The aircraft fell two kilometers east of DEEGUANDONG As confirmation we gathered the panel from a rubber tank with the label F-84, a machine-gun magazine, number 490, with its covering, the spring housing from a machine gun, a suspension lock number 300 7530, and an aircraft panel with the number 1113

The commission was accompanied to the site by a representative of the counterintelligence office of the town of SACHKU, who gave written confirmation The commission has determined that enemy F-84 Thunderjet aircraft number 1113 was in fact downed in air combat by Major K N DEGTYAREV at 10 58 Beijing time on September 9, 1952

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